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Possible Release or Exchange of Powers 24 August 1960

STAT Memo to DCI from C/SR/

"....It is conceivable, but not probable, that the Soviets may try to use Powers as a hostage to extract concessions of some kind from the U.S. An exchange for Abel presently appears quite unlikely. It is hard to visualize what other possibilities might occur to them. (When we recently discussed this with Dick Davis in the State Dept, he expressed a strong view that the Department would never sanction negotiations in such circumstances.)

State Dept. review completed